

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (cancelled).

2. (cancelled).

3. (previously presented) The meat product claimed in claim 11, wherein the vegetable oil is at least one oil selected from the group consisting of soybean oil, rapeseed oil, safflower oil, sesame oil, and rice-bran oil.

4. (cancelled).

5. (cancelled).

6. (cancelled).

7. (previously presented) The meat product claimed in any one of claims 3 and 11, wherein the meat product is selected from the group consisting of pork sausage, Wiener sausage, Frankfurt sausage, Bologna sausage, loaves, hams, bacon, corned beef, hamburger steak, meat balls, Gyoza and Shumai meats, fresh sausages, bratwursts, ground meat, and seasoned meat.

8. (cancelled).

9. (cancelled).

10. (previously presented) The method claimed in one of claims 12 or 13, wherein the meat products are selected from the group consisting of pork sausage, Wiener sausage, Frankfurt sausage, Bologna sausage, loaves, hams, bacon, corned beef, hamburger steak, meat balls, Gyoza and Shumai meats, fresh sausages, bratwursts, ground meat, and seasoned meat.

11. (currently amended) A meat product containing as lipids approximately the same content of vegetable oil and animal fat, said meat product comprising:

(a) a fat content of less than half of that present in conventional meat products, and

(b) 8 to 10g of soy protein isolate per 100g of meat product,
said lipids having a fatty-acid composition comprising:

0.5-1.5% myristic acid; 0-0.2% myristoleic acid; ~~0%-pentadecanoic acid;~~
13.0-22.0% palmitic acid; 1.5-2.5% palmitoleic acid; 0-0.3% heptadecanoic acid; 0-0.3% heptadecenoic acid; 5.0-9.0% stearic acid; 24.0-60.0% oleic acid;

9.0-45.0% linoleic acid; 0.2-6.0% linolenic acid; 0.1-1.0% arachidic acid; 0.2-1.0% icosenoic acid; and 0-0.2% arachidonic acid,

wherein the meat product possesses a plasma-cholesterol-suppressing property.

12. (previously presented) A method for suppressing plasma-cholesterol levels in man, comprising administering a meat product as claimed in claim 11 to man.

13. (previously presented) A method for suppressing plasma-cholesterol levels in man, comprising administering a meat product as claimed in claim 3 to man.

14. (cancelled).

15. (cancelled).

16. (previously presented) The meat product claimed in claim 11, wherein the meat product is sausage, and the fat content is less than 12.4 g per 100 g of sausage.

17. (previously presented) The meat product claimed in claim 11, wherein the meat product is hamburger steak, and the fat content is less than 7.6 g based on 100 g of hamburger steak.